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Dear Friends,

Please be aware that tomorrow morning, May 19th, Fairfax will be closed between Wilshire Blvd. & Orange St. from 8:30 am - 11:30 am for the staging of a first amendment protest against fossil fuel money in politics. The organizers will arrange and decorate cars for a statewide caravan that is expected to depart locally by 11:30 am to drive to Governor Brown's home in Sacramento. We've been told that the event will include a sound system and microphones, and that press have been invited, but that as soon as the caravan is completed they will open the street again. This event will certainly cause congestion at the site of the Wilshire/6<sup>th</sup> Metro station, as well.

In addition, beginning Friday evening, May 19th at 8:00 pm thru Monday morning, May 22nd, at 6:00 am there will be a full closure of the Wilshire/Fairfax intersection for street decking construction. This closure extends from 6th St. to 8th St. on Fairfax Ave. and from Crescent Heights Blvd. to Spaulding Ave. on Wilshire Blvd.

Please plan your commute accordingly.

Respectfully,

**PAUL KORETZ**

**Councilmember, 5th District**

#### LEGISLATIVE ACTION

### Senior Awareness Month and Senior Fraud Abuse

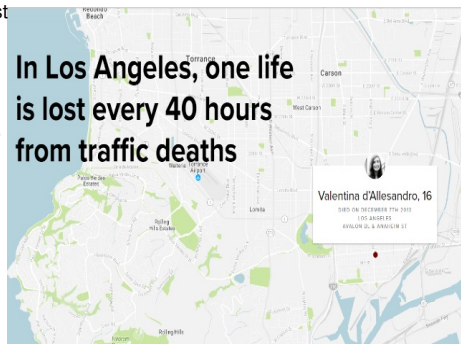
On May 15th, the Los Angeles City Council of Los Angeles adopted a motion presented by Councilmember Paul Koretz to declare May 2017, Older Americans Month with the theme "Age Out Loud." Additionally, the Los Angeles City Council has declared May 15, 2017 "Senior Fraud Awareness Day in the City of Los Angeles." Senior fraud is a growing concern as approximately 5 million cases of financial exploitation of the elderly in the U.S. occur each year and the financial loss by victims amounts to more than \$2.9 billion annually. Unfortunately, senior fraud is under reported due to older adults' embarrassment and lack of information on where to report such fraud. For resources and services, contact the LA Department of Aging at (213) 482-7252 or visit their website at <http://aging.lacity.org>.



### Traffic Fatality Digital Memorial Tool

Between 2012 and 2016, Los Angeles lost 1,030 lives due to traffic fatalities.

Vision Zero Los Angeles launched a new [interactive map](#) that commemorates these lives and puts a face to these fatal accidents we hear about on the news everyday. The map identifies traffic fatalities by age, gender, and mode, indicating whether those killed were traveling by bike, car, or on foot. The interactive map gives users the option to explore fatalities in their own neighborhoods and to contribute to digital memorials.



The map is a result of a motion by Councilmember Paul Koretz directing LADOT to develop a digital map that could showcase various data layers showing death and injury relevant to their specific locations around the city.

## COMMUNITY MATTERS

### Amanda "The Lioness" Nunes

On Tuesday, May 16th, City Council declared Amanda "The Lioness" Nunes Day in Los Angeles, honoring the UFC's first openly gay champion. The Brazilian fighter wiped away tears as Councilmember Nury Martinez spoke of her as a role model for young women and the LGBTQ community. Nunes said her tears started as she was reflecting on her life's struggles that included growing up a young gay woman in Brazil, living in a gym at 16 so she could train, and finally moving to America to better her career. Councilmembers and City Hall staff lined up to take pictures with Ms. Nunes declaring her an inspiration to all.



## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sat., May 20th ONEgeneration Senior Enrichment Center

### 9th Annual Senior Symposium



Come learn about  
Senior Care Resources  
available in **your**  
community!!



Join ONEgeneration Senior Enrichment Center & Valley Presbyterian Hospital for an exciting day of learning about Senior Care resources available in your community. The event will include more than 70 exhibitors, free health screenings & presentations, free continental breakfast & lunch, prizes and giveaways. The symposium will be 8:30 am - 2:30 pm at the Senior Enrichment Center (18255 Victory Blvd., Reseda), Handicapped parking & shuttle services available. Register by calling (818)705-2345 or online at [www.onegeneration.org](http://www.onegeneration.org)

**Saturday, May 20th, River LA & EverWalk 6.5 mile epic walk**



EverWalk



On May 20th, join the first annual "EverWalk the LA River," a 6.5-mile walk through Atwater Village to Fletcher Drive, beginning and ending at North Atwater Park, to celebrate the development of a safe and accessible 51-mile no-car bike and pedestrian path along our LA River. Founded by the epic Cuba-to-Florida swimmer Diana Nyad and her expedition partner, Bonnie Stoll, the EverWalk journey was established to create a nation of walkers to reverse the impact sedentary lifestyles have on our collective health. Meet at 8:30 am. [RSVP at www.RiverLA.org](http://www.RiverLA.org)

### Sunday, May 21st, Pick Pico 2017



Join local businesses and non-profits at Pick Pico annual street fair at Overland & Pico for fun, food, 100+ booths, and the largest kid zone ever. This street fair is fun for all ages. Why not have fun and increase the safety of your home? Friends of West L.A. (FOWLA), a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, is providing Ring Doorbells and other Ring products ([www.ring.com](http://www.ring.com)) at subsidized prices made possible by FOWLA, Fix the City, the Westside Coalition and grants through businesses. FOWLA is making Ring products available to Los Angeles homeowners with the goal of reducing crime. The street fair will run from 11 a.m. - 3p.m. For more information, go to [www.PickPico.org](http://www.PickPico.org)

### Save the Date: Sunday, June 4th, 20th Annual SoROfest

**SoRo Inc. &  
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council**  
Present Our 20th Annual Community Street Festival



Please join us between 11:00 am and 4:00 pm for the **20th Annual SoRo Community Festival** on South Robertson Blvd. between Cadillac St. & Cattaraugus Ave., to celebrate the recognition of South Robertson Blvd. as one of Los Angeles's Great Streets. The 2017 SoRO fest theme is **South Robertson: The Emerald Blvd.** offering residents and families from the entire city (and region) an opportunity to discover the area as one of LA's hidden gems. Admission to the festival is free and parking is available at Hamilton High School and surrounding neighborhood streets. Visit [www.Sorofest.com](http://www.Sorofest.com) for details about t-shirts, vendor booths, and sponsorship opportunities.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

### Bel-Air/Beverly Crest Community Building Hours Change

Los Angeles is experiencing a major boom in urban development and expansion, which means an increase in construction and demolition work across the entire city. In consideration of LA

residents, all major construction/demolition must be performed within a span of permitted hours. Hours will also differ depending on the day of the week and holidays.

In general, Los Angeles permitted construction/demolition hours (note that exceptions do apply):

Monday through Friday	7:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Saturday or National Holidays	8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Sunday	No Work Permitted

As of, March 24, 2017, changes were implemented specifically for the **Bel-Air/Beverly Crest Community** to include exceptions to these standard permitted construction/demolition hours. Please see [department notice](#). Construction activity in the area (see [map](#)) must abide by the following:

- Permitted Construction/Demolition Hours are restricted to Monday through Friday, between 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
- Exterior construction is prohibited at any other time; however, interior construction is permitted on Saturday between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
- Excess exterior illumination of the work site (i.e. floodlights and similar devices) is prohibited after 6:00 PM on any day of the week.

Failure to comply with the above requirements may result in a misdemeanor charge for the responsible party, punishable by a fine of \$1,000 and/or imprisonment in the County Jail. Report violations by [clicking on this link](#).

## Mulholland Drive Closure for Resurfacing

The City is scheduled to resurface **Mulholland Drive from Nicada Drive to Beverly Glen** on **Saturday May 27, 2017**. Profiling and repaving the segment will happen on the same day (Saturday).

Traffic will be routed to Nicada Drive for those headed eastbound, and Beverly Glen for those headed westbound. Message boards will be placed at the top of Mulholland Drive on Monday, May 20th, advising drivers of this planned work. As always, any emergency response vehicles will be given full access to their destination. With high expectations, the City expects to complete this project in one day.

We understand that this may be an inconvenience to drivers, but the segment itself will require a full closure in order to be completed. Our office will also inform the local homeowner associations, neighborhood watch groups and Neighborhood Council to help spread the word. We hope you can also help us spread the word to the community.

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